Postdoc and Ph.D. Student Positions:

(Complex Interactions among Panda Habitat, People, and Policies)

Several postdoc and Ph.D. students are sought to join an interdisciplinary and international team on biocomplexity. The major goal of this NSF-funded project is to study complex interactions among panda habitat, people, and policies. We are looking for applicants with backgrounds and interests in various fields, such as ecology, sociology, economics, human demography, human behavior, policy analysis, remote sensing, geographic information systems, computer modeling, forestry, geography, wildlife biology, biodiversity conservation, and/or human-environment interactions. Applicants should be highly self-motivated and outstanding team players. Incumbents will be based at Michigan State University but will have opportunities to collect data and have field experiences in Wolong Nature Reserve (one of the largest reserves for giant pandas) in southwestern China. Stipends/salaries and benefits are competitive. The positions are available in August, 2002, but starting dates are flexible and negotiable.

Reviews of applications will be conducted periodically and will continue until all positions are filled. Interested individuals are encouraged to provide the following materials as soon as possible: (1) cover letter indicating general and specific research interests/experiences, (2) statement of professional goals (e.g., plans after finishing the postdoc and graduate training), (3) resume, (4) transcripts, (5) list of three references (names, email addresses, phone numbers, and postal addresses), and (6) GRE scores and TOEFL scores. (GRE scores are needed for Ph.D. student positions. TOEFL scores are required for applicants whose native language is not English. Photocopies of transcripts and GRE/TOEFL scores are okay initially.) Please email (preferred), mail, or fax all application materials to:

(Before August 15, 2002)

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